

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 2006-035
DATE: July 14, 2006 Time: 5:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Severe Summer Storm** -- A severe summer storm, accompanied by a microburst that produced winds in excess of 125 miles per hour (mph), struck the city of Coleharbor on July 12, downing power lines, leveling buildings, overturning cars, and blowing grain bins off their foundations.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: Two individuals staying in a fifth wheel camper were thrown as the winds tossed the camper. They were taken to the Garrison Hospital by the Underwood Ambulance and released.
3. DAMAGES: The National Weather Service (NWS) of Bismarck updated their report after an on-site visit to the city of Coleharbor and determined the storm had winds in excess of 125 miles per hour (mph) and was accompanied by quarter size hail and heavy rains. Straight-Line winds are the contributing factor to the city's destruction.

A significant amount of damage has been incurred to include, along with previous reports; 32 dwellings damaged, six campers damaged and/or destroyed and five storage facilities damaged and/or destroyed. The local church, post office and restaurant sustained damage as well as the old school, which was serving as an apary, was destroyed.

The Otter Tail Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) substation received extensive damage with augers tipped over, power poles snapped off and telephone and electrical lines down throughout city.

A significant number of trees are down within the city along with hay bales being strewn around the area. The surrounding areas incurred destroyed out buildings in farmyards and crops flattened or damaged by wind and/or hail.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: In addition to the previous report, Falkirk Mine has provided light fixtures and generators and Great River Energy supplied a front-end loader.

STATE: In addition to the previous report, N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has supplied an additional three trucks to assist in clean-up.

FEDERAL: No change from previous report.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: The American Red Cross provided temporary sheltering for one family whose home was destroyed. The Salvation Army was providing shelter, food and water as well.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS:

On July 14, Governor John Hoeven issued an Executive Order proclaiming a severe summer weather emergency for the City of Coleharbor and surrounding McLean County.

The McLean County Emergency Manager reported an Incident Command Post was set up at the Wolf Creek Crossing with the Underwood Fire Department designated as the Incident Commander.

Early reports indicate electricity has been restored to parts of Coleharbor. West River Telephone Cooperative has been repairing damages with telephone service for most of Coleharbor back on line. The main water supply initially turned off the night of the incident has been re-established.

Insurance adjustors are on-site with documentation and clean-up continuing.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No additional assistance has been requested at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No additional outside help has been requested.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/des>.

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N.D. Division of Homeland Security